



SNAPPER MITCHUM

Little Willie John, John Littlejohn, and many others. He was the bass player and band leader for Son Seals for 10 years. He has recorded with Black & Blue Records in France with Bobby King and Alligator Records with Son Seals and Lacy Gibson. He has also recorded with Lefty Dizz, Johnny Twist and Sunnyland Slim. Snapper also played at the Chicago Blues Festival. Snapper moved to Dayton, Ohio in 1985 where he formed his own band "Snapper And The Blues Invaders" with some outstanding local musicians.

Gary "Guitar" Williams from Dayton, Ohio plays rhythm and lead guitar. He formerly played with Stach & Co., a splinter group from "The Ohio Players." He led his own band before going with "The Blue Invaders." He has been performing for 20 years and says his main influences are T-Bone Walker, Chuck Berry, Buddy Guy, Albert Collins, Jimi Hendrix, and Rory Gallagher. His desire

this already hot band. The great Jimmy Johnson said of Tim one night after hearing him play, "That boy is too young to know how great he really is."

On drums is Tim "Pocket" Barton. Tim is from Middletown, Ohio and although he's young, he is by no means a newcomer to the blues scene. He has played with many great musicians such as Bo Diddley, B.B. King, Johnny Winter, Sunnyland Slim, Big Time Sarah, Jimmy Johnson, Willie Poche, Bone Chillun', and The Nite Prowlers.

Next is Thomas "Harpoon Man" Henry on harmonica. Harpoon has performed for 15 years professionally sometimes as harmonica player, guitar player, saxophone player, and lead vocalist. He has played with B.B. King, Bobby Blue Bland, Vanishing Point, Shokin' Joe, The Jitters, Slash Wildly, Slaves To Pain and Bam-Ba-Lam. He doesn't play conventional harp and has a unique style that

Calif. Came back to Dayton 2½ years ago.

On saxophone is Tumust "2 Sax" Allison. Tumust has studied and taught music at Antioch College, and University of Akron both in Ohio. He has played behind many great jazz and blues favorites such as Stevie Wonder, Johnny Lytle, Lefty Dizz, Johnny Dollar, Phil Guy and Hip Linkchain. Sometimes Tumust plays two horns simultaneous explaining how his nickname was derived. Occasionally Tumust will, much to the audiences delight, play flute.

Pee Wee is our other saxophone player. In 1968 Pee Wee was one of the founders and original member of "The Ohio Players." He previously had played with Wilson Pickett and James Brown. His name reflects his size but by no means does it reflect his energy, talent and enthusiasm. He not only plays sax, but also trumpet.